Restructuring of SCI

1676. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure the Shipping Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the tonnage capacity of the SCI would also be enhanced; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has been taking necessary steps for replacement of old tonnage and acquisition of new tonnage, as per the trend in the trade from time to time.

(d) During the balance period of the 9th Plan period, SCI has plans to acquire/place order for 1 (one) Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC), 2 (two) LR-II size tankers, 2 (two) Capesize bulk carriers, 2 (two) acid/chemical carriers apart from the tonnage already on order.

Decrease in arrival of shipment at Mumbai Port

1677. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable decrease has been recorded in the arrival of shipment at Mumbai Port;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, alongwith the arrival of shipment at Mumbai Port during last five years;

(c) whether Government propose to allow private handling of cargo at Mumbai Port;